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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ellen Bay (nee Hershberger) Reinhardt, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, who passed away March 17, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Ellen Reinhardt was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 20, 1928 to Elbert and Iva Hershberger; she graduated from Columbus North High School, earned her Bachelor of Arts in English with honors from Baldwin Wallace College, and earned her Master of Arts in Literature from Ohio State University; she later received an Advanced Certificate in Educational Administration from Ohio State University; and

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WHEREAS, Ellen Reinhardt taught for 5 years at Columbus Linden McKinley Junior/Senior High School before serving there as an assistant principal for 2 years; in 1957, she moved to Waukegan to join Melba Wixom and Sam Filippo in managing the English and foreign language departments at Waukegan Township High School; in 1972, she was appointed Director of Secondary Education, in which position she was recognized at the State and national levels for her curriculum innovations; and

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WHEREAS, Ellen Reinhardt was an avid sports fan and was enthusiastic about promoting Title IX; she found numerous ways to give back to the students beyond classroom instruction; she

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1 provided free classes in SAT/ACT prep and coached the Illinois  
2 State Police Academic Decathlon Teams for 5 years, twice  
3 winning 3rd place in the State competition; and

4 WHEREAS, Ellen Reinhardt was well-known through articles  
5 she wrote for national publications and for speaking at State  
6 and national conventions; she was was chosen as a Kettering  
7 Fellow, was awarded the Governor's Prize for promoting  
8 international studies, and received an award as an outstanding  
9 administrator from the Waukegan Board of Education; and

10 WHEREAS, Following retirement in 1988, Ellen Reinhardt  
11 worked for a year at the Lake County Educational Service Center  
12 as the Gifted Consultant and then began a series of workshops  
13 on improving English skills for businessmen at the Cherry  
14 Electric Company and for teachers in District 60; she taught  
15 English at the College of Lake County untill 1998 and water  
16 aerobics at the North Lake YMCA until 2013; and

17 WHEREAS, Ellen Reinhardt enjoyed books, travel (especially  
18 to New York and London), theater, sports, restaurants, and  
19 music; she was a trained singer and soloed with the Waukegan  
20 Philharmonic Chorus and the St. Paul's Church Choir and sang  
21 leading roles in Mr. T's Tent Theater; and

22 WHEREAS, Ellen Reinhardt was preceded in death by her

1 husbands, Ott Bay and John S. Reinhardt; her parents;  
2 half-brother, Zuig Lohr; and 2 half-sisters, Zita Smith and  
3 Sylvia Barker; and

4 WHEREAS, Ellen Reinhardt is survived by her step-sons, Rick  
5 (Julie) Bay, Steve Bay, and Mike (Julie) Bay; grandchildren;  
6 great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Ellen Bay Reinhardt, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Ellen Reinhardt as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.